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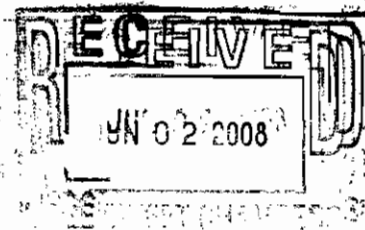
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June 2, 2008

**By Facsimile**

The Honorable Robert W. Sweet  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1920  
New York, New York 10007

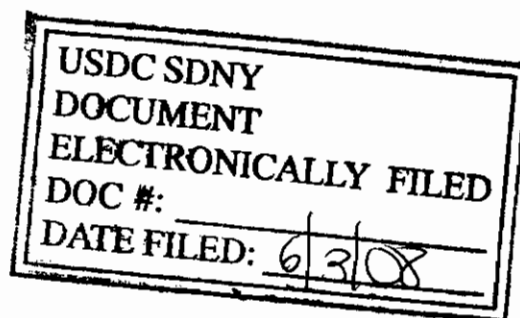


Re: United States v. Phillip Quintero  
07 Cr. 460 (RWS)

Dear Judge Sweet:

The Government respectfully writes to inform Your Honor about the status of this case. The defendant has been ready to plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement for several months, but the parties were initially unable to schedule the defendant's guilty plea because defense counsel, Daniel Nobel, Esq., was engaged in a several-month trial in the Eastern District of New York. When Mr. Nobel's trial finished, the parties scheduled the defendant's plea in Magistrate's Court for May 13, 2008. On May 12th, the parties were informed that the defendant was in isolation in the Metropolitan Correctional Center as a result of a chickenpox outbreak. As of May 30, 2008, the defendant was still in isolation. Given the inability for the defendant to come to Court to plead guilty, the parties respectfully request an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act until July 2, 2008. If and when the defendant is cleared to come to Court, the parties will notify the Court and schedule the defendant's plea immediately. Mr. Nobel consents to the exclusion of time until July 2, 2008.

*So ordered*  
*Sweet*  
*USDS*  
*6.2.08*



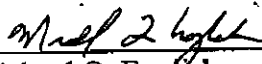
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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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